BREAK FREE FROM PLASTIC POLLUTION ACT

Introduced by Senator Tom Udall and Representative Alan Lowenthal

Important Dates and Requirements for Certain Covered Products

Covered Product	Responsible Party	How it is addressed
Beverages in Prepackaged Beverage Containers (any material such as glass, plastic, aluminum)	Responsible Party,1 such as a distributor or producer	10 cent deposit/refund Extended Producer Responsibility2 (EPR) requirements Recycling Targets for all beverage containers: • 75% recycled by 2028 • 90% recycled by 2033 Minimum Recycled Content for plastic beverage containers: • 25% by 2025 • 30% by 2030 • 50% by 2035 • 80% by 2040 Minimum Recycled Content for beverage containers from other material: • EPA and National Institute of Standards and Technology, Food & Drug Administration • 1 year after enactment: submit report to Congress on recycled content • 1 year after report: establish minimum post-consumer recycled content standards that increase over time
Beverages in cartons, pouches or drink boxes	Responsible Party	Extended Producer Responsibility requirements if they decide not to participate in beverage deposit program: Recycling/Reuse targets for all beverages in cartons, pouches or drink boxes: • 65% recycled or reused by 2028

¹ Responsible Party is defined in the legislation. It is typically the brand maker that sells a product into the United States.

² Extended Producer Responsibility, or EPR, is a policy highlighting a product producer's responsibility for the post-consumer management of its products and its packaging.

		• 80% recycled or reused by 2033
Expanded polystyrene (EPS) for foodware, drinkware, disposable consumer coolers, or shipping packaging	Covered Retail or Service Establishment	Prohibited starting January 1, 2022 (Temporary waiver available for EPS shipping packaging and exception for EPS coolers for medical purposes)
Food Service Products	Responsible Party	Extended Producer Responsibility requirements Recycling/Reuse targets for all packaging: • 65% recycled or reused by 2028 • 80% recycled or reused by 2033
Noncompostable produce stickers	Covered Retail or Service Establishment	Prohibited starting January 1, 2022
Non-plastic Carry-out Bag	Covered Retail or Service Establishments	10 cent tax on bag. (4 cents retained by retailer unless they offer a 5 cent reusable bag credit program, then 10 cents retained)
Non-plastic utensils, including compostable utensils	Responsible Party	Upon request only
Packaging	Responsible Party	Extended Producer Responsibility requirements Recycling/Reuse targets for all packaging: • 65% recycled or reused by 2028 • 80% recycled or reused by 2033
Paper	Responsible Party	Extended Producer Responsibility requirements Recycling/Reuse targets for all paper: • 75% recycled by 2028 • 90% recycled by 2033
Plastic bags	Retail Establishments & Restaurants	Prohibited starting January 1, 2022
Plastic bags for bulk items, fruit, vegetables, etc.	Responsible Party	Allowed

³ The term 'covered retail or service establishment' means a store, grocery store, restaurant, beverage provider, vendor, hotel, motel, or other retail or service establishment.

Plastic Straws	Covered Retail or Service Establishment	Upon request only
Single-Use plastic utensils	Covered Retail or Service Establishment	Prohibited starting January 1, 2022
Single-Use Products that are not explicitly prohibited	Responsible Party	Extended Producer Responsibility requirements Recycling/Reuse targets for all single-use products no explicitly prohibited: • 65% recycled or reused by 2028 • 80% recycled or reused by 2033
Single-use mini shampoo, soap and lotion bottles at hotels/motels	Hotel/Motel	Prohibited starting January 1, 2022

Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) – important dates for compliance

February 1, 2022 – each PRO shall submit a plan to EPA for approval

• 90 days for EPA to approve the plan

August 1, 2022 – each PRO shall begin implementing the plan (plans expire every 5 years)

February 1, 2023 – each Responsible Party shall be a member of a PRO

December 31, 2027 – First targets for recycling and reuse

December 31, 2032 – Second targets for recycling and reuse

